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On The "Most Awful Of All The Awful Nights" At Auschwitz Desperate Gypsy Thousands Fought Nazis But Were Gassed Anyway; Jews Forced To Sing And Dance Afterward

A Limburg court trying a former Nazi official was told that the Hitler regime conceived as early as 1935 its plans to kill those it considered unfit, but decided to wait until war broke out to lessen opposition from churches, reports the New York Times. As it happened, Hitler signed the required decree three weeks before World War II began. The court also was told, that the Nazi leader, in his book, "Mein Kampf," and Alfred Rosenberg, in his "Myth of the 20th Century," demanded "corrections" in favor of a "healthy race that would be rid of lazy people and criminals."

On trial at Limburg is Dr. Hans Hefelmann. He is accused of complicity in the murder of 78,000 people who had mental or physical defects. Another defendant, Dr. Gerhard Bohne, is in Argentina. A German request for his extradition is under consideration by an Argentine court.

A former Auschwitz prisoners' overseer described at Frankfurt Assizes how the S.S. murdered gypsy babies, says the London Times. Hermann Diamanski, aged 58 years, of Frankfurt, said: "The S.S. men soon got rid of them. Many did not even get to the gas chambers. Their heads were beaten against the walls of the crematorium until they were dead. Often the babies were only five to six days old."

Answering Dr. Ormond, who is representing the relatives of some of those who died at Auschwitz, Diamanski said it was correct that the S.S. men "had boasted how deep they had stood in blood."

His worst experience at the camp, he said, had been the liquidation of the gypsy camp. "Until far into the night I heard their cries and knew they were resisting." In contrast, the Jewish prisoners had gone singing religious songs to the gas chambers.

Diamanski said he had seen Wilhelm Boger, a former S.S. officer at the camp and the principal of the 22 accused, says the London Times, taking part with a pistol in the liquidation of those prisoners brought in 1944 from the Theresienstadt camp in Bohemia.

In pretrial testimony the witness had said that Wilhelm Boger, a key defendant, had participated in the hanging of prisoners, the beating to death of infant children, and the torture of many inmates, says the New York Times. When asked about this, the witness at first said he could not remember and then acknowledged that he was frightened.

Boger again figured prominently in proceedings. Paul Leo Scheidl, a 67-year-old businessman of Munich, showed a model of a torture instrument designed by Boger, which was known by camp inmates as the Boger seesaw. With the help of a doll, the survivor demonstrated how prisoners were tied to an iron bar so their heads would face the ground.

Boger, his gray face showing a slight smirk, appeared unmoved until Mr. Scheidl said that the former sergeant had shot two prisoners at the so-called Black Wall.

"It is a fact today and will be a fact 1,000 years hence that I never shot a prisoner at Auschwitz," Boger shouted nervously.

Willi Leeuwarden, a Jewish restaurant owner of Ludwigshafen, testified that Boger once threw a Polish prisoner from an office window after beating him beyond recognition. When Mr. Leeuwarden tried to take the man some water, Boger called him in and punched and kicked him, the witness said.

Later Boger ordered him to take the Polish inmate to another barracks, he continued. "He was dead before we could get there," Mr. Leeuwarden said in a shaking voice.

Mr. Leeuwarden, who was 21 when he was sent to Auschwitz, gave a grim description of how prisoners were kept in a punishment cell that forced them to stand upright. "I was there for eight nights," he said, says the New York Times. "During the day I had to go out with a work gang."

Another witness said one inmate was kept in the cell for 18 days until he died of starvation. Questioned on Mr. Leeuwarden's testimony, Boger said that it was "partly true," but that he never beat a prisoner to death.

Mr. Leeuwarden also told of an Auschwitz guard who played kindly with a little Jewish girl for one day. Then, he said:

"We all had to line up. The Gestapo guard stepped in front of the little girl. He told her to open her mouth and shut her eyes. The rest of us thought he was going to give her candy. "But he pulled out his pistol and shot the girl in the mouth."

A former investigator for the Nazi SS (Elite Guard) command testified that he tried to confine murders by the Elite Guard within prescribed bounds. Dr. Konrad Morgen, a lawyer now in private practice at Frankfurt, spoke of an "indescribable knot of crimes" at the Auschwitz concentration camp. He said he found himself facing "insurmountable odds" in seeking to punish the criminals.

Dr. Morgen's testimony was given at the trial of 22 former Auschwitz guards for multiple murders. It caused expressions of unbelief from many listeners. They said Dr. Morgen was used in wartime by Heinrich Himmler, SS commander, to settle feuds among lesser SS figures.

"I knew that the wholesale killings of Jews were directed from Hitler's chancellery in Berlin," Dr. Morgen said, "so that legal proceedings against the instigators would have required the raising of charges against the Führer himself, and against Himmler."

He added that this was impossible, since both men represented the top authority under the Elite Guard's own penal code. "All I could do was to prosecute acts of individual terror through recourse to an earlier SS order prohibiting killings outside the ordered extermination program," he said.

Among the SS leaders who were tried and sentenced after investigations by Dr. Morgen was the commandant of the Buchenwald concentration camp, Karl Koch, who was executed as a murderer, reports the New York Times. Koch's wife, Ilsa, is serving a life term in West Germany. His Auschwitz investigations led to a number of convictions, Dr. Morgan said.

The witness, a tall, heavy man, fifty-four years old, said his intimate knowledge of the Auschwitz camp grew out of an official order to look into the origin of several pounds of dental gold, discovered by customs officials in a parcel sent by a guard to his wife.

"The discovery of so many pounds of gold fillings in one single parcel immediately aroused my suspicion," Dr. Morgen said. "It looked to be the equivalent of between 20,000 and 100,000 corpses."

He said that when he made his first tour of the camp it appeared to him "unbelievably peaceful, with gas chambers and crematories spotlessly clean." He said the real shock came "when I learned that the night before several trainloads of Jews had been gassed and burned there".

Dr. Morgen said he heard about the killings at an SS rest room, where "drunken guards with glassy eyes were being served hot pancakes by beautiful Jewish girls in coquettish clothes."

"The men are recovering from a strenuous night's duty," Dr. Morgen quoted an SS orderly as telling him. The former SS investigator, reports the New York Times, said he found "everything from golden bracelets to gold coins and little fortunes in banknotes and jewels, in the guards' lockers.

A nervously-squirming survivor of Auschwitz refused to testify against the accused master torturer of the Nazi death camp because, he said, the trial "is a shame on our country," reports the New York Herald Tribune. "I don't want to hurt Mr. Boger," the witness, Karl Seefeld, told the court. "I must be just to a SS man."

Former Auschwitz guard William Boger smirked in the prisoners' dock.

A judge asked Mr. Seefeld if he feared revenge from friends of Boger and the 21 other former Auschwitz staff members on trial for allegedly taking part in the murders of up to four million people in the camp during World War II.

"No, No," protested Mr. Seefeld, whose pre-trial testimony charged Boger with trampling him and kicking him in the face. "This trial, it is a shame on our country."

Chief Justice Hans Hofmeyer impatiently read Mr. Seefeld's earlier statement in which he described watching Boger batter to death an inmate's twin babies just to get their baby buggy to send home to Berlin.

"I remember the babies, but I don't know if Boger killed them," Mr. Seefeld said. "I just don't remember."

"If you saw something like that, you'd remember it all your life," the judge said. "Are you afraid of vengeance by the comrades of some of the accused? I notice you come from Stuttgart, the same place as Boger's family lives."

Mr. Seefeld shrugged nervously and replied:

"I refuse to testify. I have a good job now. I'm a cook and I just want to be left alone. My customers don't like this trial. They say it should have been staged much earlier . . ."

The judge excused Mr. Seefeld, who limped quickly out of the courtroom.

A former Nazi general assigned to the Auschwitz death camp testified that the Gestapo executed his woman aid for written a love letter to an inmate, says the New York Herald Tribune. The woman, identified as Lili Tofler, "was picked up and all I heard later was that she was killed," said former SS (Elite) Guard Brig. Gen. Joachim Caesar, 62. He was testifying at the trial of 22 former Auschwitz guards and a trusty prisoner accused of taking part in the mass extermination of camp inmates.

Chief Judge Hans Hofmeyer, seeking further details, quoted pretrial testimony that Gen. Caesar had put up a "considerable fight" to have Miss Tofler from the alleged chief torturer at Auschwitz, defendant Wilhelm Boger. Boger, who alternately grins and glares at the witnesses, shook his head violently, and Gen. Caesar said, "I don't remember those details." Boger smiled slightly.

When Judge Hofmeyer quoted other pre-trial testimony identifying Gen. Caesar as "the most important person in Auschwitz" next to the camp commandant, the witness insisted that he had just managed the Auschwitz prison farm and seldom saw prisoners mistreated. Gen. Caesar has not been charged with any crime. To refresh his memory, the prosecution read sections of the charges against the 22 defendants. These included:

"The 200 or so SS dogs used to guard prisoners were housed in specially built, snug and dry kennels with concrete floors while prisoners lived in airless, windowless barracks with mud floors. When cows were brought to the camp to supply milk for the SS contingents, prisoners were moved out of barracks to make room for the animals. But first windows were put in the barracks and the mud floors were covered with concrete — in other words the quarters were made habitable" — for the cows.

With a shrug, Mr. Caesar confirmed the statements. Asked why he did not suggest improvements of these conditions to SS Chief Heinrich Himmler — who, he said earlier, had helped him get better farm equipment — Mr. Caesar re-

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DR. NORBERT WIENER, "FATHER OF AUTOMATION"; ONE OF WORLD'S GREATEST MATHEMATICIANS; OUTSTANDING LINGUIST; FAMED AS CHILD PRODIGY; WARNED OF DISASTER IN COMPUTERS UNLESS GUARDED BY HUMAN BRAINS

Dr. Norbert Wiener, world-renowned scientist who was considered to be the father of automation, died in Stockholm, it was announced by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He was 69 years old, says the New York Times. The notice of Dr. Wiener's death came in a cablegram from his wife, Mrs. Marguerite Engemann Wiener, who was traveling with him.

Dr. Wiener had been on the faculty of M.I.T. for 42 years until his retirement in 1960. The mathematician and his wife left Cambridge in January for Amsterdam, where he was to be a visiting scholar at the University.

The couple arrived in Sweden from Norway several days ago. Dr. Wiener was to lecture at the Royal Academy in Stockholm. Dr. Wiener, the father of the term cybernetics, was considered one of the world's ranking mathematicians. He was also an exceptional linguist, philosopher, and literary scholar.

Dr. Norbert Wiener somehow regretted the fact that he was a child prodigy of scholarship, even though he fulfilled his early promise and contributed enormously to modern mathematics, says the New York Herald Tribune. His early life always made him feel he was not good enough.

Yet he was very good, indeed. His mathematics, on which he worked in sort of ivory-tower isolation, turned out to be fundamental to the understanding of how the gigantic electronic brains operate. He touched many fields: biology, philosophy, religion, to name a few.

Now he is dead. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he had been a faculty member for forty-two years, announced that Dr. Wiener, 69, had died in Stockholm, Sweden, where he was to lecture at the Royal Academy.

Dr. Wiener and his wife left Cambridge, Mass., in January for Amsterdam where he was to be a visiting scholar. The University at Amsterdam planned to award him the little of honorary professor of medicine.

Dr. Wiener was best known to the public for his book in 1948 on cybernetics, a word he coined from the Greek word meaning "steersman." This volume analyzed the growing science of electronic and mechanical controls in industry and in daily life.

The time was ripe for such an analysis, for the giant electronic computers spawned by wartime necessity had just shown their vast potential for relieving technology of the drudgery of arithmetic. But Dr. Wiener saw them as more important than idiot arithmeticians, says the New York Herald Tribune. He saw them pervading our entire lives.

"The first industrial revolution," he wrote, "was the devaluation of the human arm by the competition of machinery . . . The modern industrial revolution is similarly bound to devalue the human brain . . . the human being of mediocre attainments or less will have nothing to sell that is worth anyone's money to buy."

The electronic computers can control inventory, operate giant factories, solve complicated problems in science, cash checks, keep track of people, money, and material. This is what Dr. Wiener foresaw.

And in recent years he also predicted that society stands on the brink of catastrophe if it permits these machines to take over society without the informed, watchful brains of human beings guarding them.

Since computers are more and more being relied upon to make decisions affecting the defense and the economy of the country and therefore of the world, he said, a computer could lead us to disaster because somebody failed to build in human values in the decision process.

Dr. Wiener backed up all of this philosophizing with a deadly control of mathematics. Much of his production in this field is too abstruse for the lay reader and his output was confined to seminars rather than writings. In fact one of his more important mathematics books was published, says the New York Herald Tribune, because a student photographed his blackboard jugglings and then recopied them.

Such a career was foreshadowed by Dr. Wiener's youth. He was born in Columbia, Missouri, a son of a Russian-born Jewish peddler who became first Professor of Slavonic Languages at Harvard University. His son began reading at three and plunged into scientific treatises almost immediately.

The boy's father, Dr. Leo Wiener, was a strict disciplinarian as fathers of prodigies are likely to be. In a book called "Ex-Prodigy" Dr. Wiener admitted that the experience left him somewhat scarred: he always feared he was falling short. His mother was the former Miss Bertha Kahn.

Nevertheless, he entered Tufts College in 1906 at eleven, and was graduated three years later with the B. A. degree in mathematics. He studied philosophy at Cornell next and finally went to take the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Harvard. He was then eighteen.

Next he studied at Cambridge, England, and Gottingen, Germany, returning to the U.S. in 1915 to study philosophy under John Dewey at Columbia. In 1919, Massachusetts Institute Of Technology appointed him an instructor in mathematics and he remained there until 1960, when he retired.

He was a past councilor of the American Mathematical Society and a member of the London Mathematical Society.

Dr. and Mrs. Wiener made their home in Belmont, Mass., and spent their summers in Sandwich, N.H. In addition to his wife, he leaves two daughters, Mrs. Gordon Raisbeck, of Lexington, Mass.; and Miss Peggy Wiener, of Albany, N. Y.

To many, Dr. Wiener looked like a Santa Claus, what with his white beard and his rotund appearance. He wore thick glasses, which made his eyes seem much larger than they were, and he had a habit of throwing his head back and peering intently at any person who might be listening to him. And when Dr. Wiener spoke, the other person usually listened.

Dr. Wiener's head was full of many things besides mathematics. He spoke half a dozen languages, and, as he once said, "and, of course, Mandarin Chinese." He even tried his hand at writing a novel called "The Tempter," which he dictated, says the New York Herald Tribune. He also tried to write detective stories, but without notable success.

Last January 14, President Johnson gave Dr. Wiener one of the five National Medals of Science for his contributions to the nation. Dr. Julius Stratton, president of MIT, said that Dr. Wiener was "one of the world's greatest mathematicians . . ."

Dr. Wiener was elected to the National Academy of Sciences, one of the highest honors to American scientists. He received the Bocher Prize of the American Mathematical Society in 1933 and the Lord & Taylor $1,000 American Design Award in 1949.

During his childhood Dr. Wiener was subjected to a great deal of publicity because of his brilliance. It was reported that he knew the alphabet by the age of 18 months, says the New York Times; that he could read and write at three years, and that he had mastered arithmetic, algebra, and geometry at six.

He graduated from the Ayer (Mass.) public high school at the age of eleven and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Tufts College at 14. Before receiving the Ph.D. from Harvard at nineteen he won an M. A. degree there.

Dr. Wiener once remarked that he had got his classical education from his father and his scientific education for himself, says the New York Times. In addition to his work at Harvard, his first years of graduate study took him to Cornell, Cambridge University, where he was a student under Bertrand Russell; Göttingen University in Germany, and Columbia.

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Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Koven (formerly Mrs. A. D. Paltiel, of Montreal), were at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel. They will shortly take up residence at the Hotel Adams, in New York.

Mrs. Jennie Smilestein, 843 McEachran Avenue, is visiting her son, and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ruby Smilestein, and daughter, Gila, of Carbonear, Newfoundland; and sons-in-law, and daughters: Mr. and Mrs. Ben Friedman, and Francine, and Frank, of Sydney, N. S.; and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Reitman, and Larry, and Robert, of St. John's, Newfoundland.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Bercovitch, formerly of 321 Querbes Avenue, have moved to 2952 Bedford Road.

Samuel Patoff, 391 Brock Avenue, Toronto, Ont., was here for the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Becky Freedman, 5760 Decelles Avenue, who died on Friday, December 19, in Miami, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Goldfarb, 595 Bloomfield Avenue, spent a holiday in Miami Beach, Florida.

Mrs. L. Glickman, and her son, Seymour Glickman, 821 Pratt Avenue, visited her son, and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Morton J. Glickman, and son, Jay Howard, 675 Roselawn Avenue, Toronto, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Jacobson, 2740 Bedford Road, spent their wedding trip in Lake Placid, N. Y. Mrs. Jacobson is the former Miss Hannah Lebwohl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lebwohl, 5460 Esplanade Avenue. Mr. Jacobson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Jacobson, 2365 Bedford Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Cohen, 2550 Noel Street, were at Grossinger's Hotel, in Ferndale, N. Y.

Mrs. Horace Jacobson, and Seyma Kayla, 1610 Edward Street, Halifax, N. S., visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Smith, 5020 Jean Brillant Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Myer Schwartz, 4896 Isabella Avenue, spent two weeks in Miami Beach, Florida, travelling via Eastern Air Lines.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Segall, formerly of 3577 Mayrand Street, have moved to 6 Holly Road.

Mrs. Tilla Kastner, 1255 Sherwood Crescent, spent a holiday at Grossinger's Hotel, in Ferndale, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Samuels, of Kingston, Ont., visited their son-in-law, and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Diner (nee Saundra Samuels, formerly of Kingston), and new-born twin daughters, Cheryl Gail; and Susan Rosalie, 5624 Emerald Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Adelstein, 4861 Cote St. Luc Road, returned via El Al Israel Air Lines, after spending six weeks in Israel, Italy, France, and England.

Mr. and Mrs. Myer Burman, formerly of 5346 Brodeur Avenue, have moved to 5821 Trans Island Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. David Corb, 27 Belcourt Road, spent their wedding trip in the Catskill Mountains, of New York. Mrs. Corb is the former Miss Theresa Becker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Becker, 4659 Earnscliffe Avenue. Mr. Corb is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Corb, 4841 Barclay Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Arlin, 2125 Vincent Street, were at Grossinger's Hotel, in Ferndale, N. Y.

Mrs. Annie Lifshitz, of Lakewood, N. J., visited her son, and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Becker, 4659 Earnscliffe Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Isaac, 2818 Keele Street, Toronto, Ont., are spending Passover with her brother, and sister-in-law, and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Stomovits, 2242 Goyer Street; and her sister, Mrs. Rachel Maitlis, 5370 Park Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Arlin, 2420 Barclay Avenue, spent a holiday at Grossinger's Hotel, in Ferndale, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Briskin, 3787 Cote des Neiges Road, spent the winter in Miami Beach, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ship, 5537 Melling Street, were in Acapulco, and Mexico City, Mexico.

Lou. Alfandri, of Washington, D.C., and his sister, Mrs. Amelia Hacker, of Jamaica, Long Island, N. Y., were here for the funeral of their brother, Albert Alfandri, 4912 Victoria Avenue, who died on Saturday, March 1, at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Yaphe, 709 Victoria Avenue, were in Hollywood Beach, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Letovsky, 6955 Fielding Avenue, spent the winter at the Georgian Hotel, in Miami Beach, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. David Sossin, 2375 Stevens Street, were in Toronto, Ont., for the funeral of his brother, Reverend Louis Sossin, 3560 Bathurst Street, who died on March 20, at the New Mount Sinai Hospital, at the age of eighty-two years.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Carmen, formerly of 5548 Lyndale Street, have moved to 2073 Veniard Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Freedman, and son, Eric, 5760 Trans Island Avenue, were in Miami Beach, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Rubin, and Glenn Todd, and Mark Bruce, formerly of 4720 Dupuis Avenue, have take up residence at 1040 Shorecrest Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Piafsky, 5230 Dalou Street, were in Miami Beach, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Feldman, 50 Bamstead Road, were in Israel.

Miss Helen Scherer, and her brother, Bernard Scherer, both of 33 Peveril Hill Road, Toronto, Ont., visited their uncle, and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Max Corb, 4841 Barclay Avenue.

Here for the bar-mitzvah of Lester, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Nudelman, 5422 Mountain Sights Avenue, at Shomrim Laboker Synagogue, were: Mr. and Mrs. Lester Engel, and Sandra, and Cheryl, of Van Nuys, Calif., cousins; and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Reuben, of Long Island, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Reggie Cunningham (nee Rose Mislovitch), of Burlington, Ont.; and her sister, Mrs. William Coleman (nee Annie Mislovitch), of Long Island, N.Y.; were here for the funeral of their mother, Mrs. Fannie Mislovitch, of Montreal, who died on January 13, at the Jewish General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Israel R. Cohen, of Saint John, N. B., visited their son-in-law, and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Flam, and new-born daughter, Shelley Roslyn, 3455 Aylmer Street.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Kagan, and son, Ira Todd, formerly of 2365 Ekers Avenue, have moved to 1155 Raynold Street.

William Golberg, of Jonquiere, Quebec, visited his son, and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Golberg, and Mark, and new-born daughter, Shari Ann, 458 Ninety-Seventh Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Feldman, 7920 Kingsley Road, were on a cruise to Nassau, W. I.

Mrs. Robert Flam, of Chandler, Quebec, visited her son, and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Flam, and new-born daughter, Shelley Roslyn, 3455 Aylmer Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lampert, and Beverley, and Irwin, 59 Arlington Drive, Moncton, N. B., visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Louis, 5000 La Peltrie Street.

Jack Prashker, 27 Dell Park Avenue, Toronto, Ont., was here for the funeral of his brother, Harry David Prashker, 5843 Decarie Boulevard, who died on Tuesday, March 17, at the Jewish General Hospital.

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The marriage of Miss Rosalyn Fichtenbaum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Israel Fichtenbaum, 4610 Bourret Street, to Henry Lassman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Saul Neftin, 5130 Bourret Street, and the late Philip Lassman, was solemnized at Young Israel Synagogue, on Sunday, January 12, at six o'clock, by Rabbi Mendell Lewittes, assisted by Cantor Z. Helperin. The bride was given in marriage by her parents. She wore an ivory-coloured, fitted, re-embroidered silk gown. The bodice was arranged with a jewel neckline, and long sleeves; and the skirt, with an overskirt, finished in a cathedral train. Her floor-length veil of tulle illusion was topped by a flowered headdress; and she carried a bouquet of white gardenias. Miss Barbara Lazarus was maid of honour. She wore a blue, silk organza gown; made with a scoop neckline; three-quarter-length sleeves; and a sheath skirt, with a detachable overskirt. She had a matching hat; and carried a bouquet of white carnations. Misses Bunny Marcovitch, Sheila Gilis, and Goldie Greenbaum were bridesmaids, each wearing a different shade of blue. Their peau de soie gowns were fashioned with scoop necklines, and three-quarter-length sleeves; and full skirts. They had matching flowered hats; and carried bouquets of white carnations. Myra Ann Wassermuhl, aged three and one-half years, was flower girl. She wore a blue silk organza dress; and had a blue headband; and carried a basket of blue carnations. Jacob Fichtenbaum, brother of the bride, was best man. The ushers were: Hyman Fichtenbaum, brother of the bride; John Silver, Henry Silver, cousins of the groom; Philip Glazer, Harvey Klarer, Solomon Wassermuhl, Joseph Rosenfeld, and Peter Wiseman, Ronald Neftin, aged five years, nephew of the groom, was page boy. Standards of blue, and white roses, carnations, and chrysanthemums, decorated the Synagogue. An orchestra played the wedding music. Three hundred and twenty-five guests were received in the Synagogue hall. Mrs. Fichtenbaum, mother of the bride, wore an aquamarine-blue beaded, satin gown; made with a scoop neckline; and three-quarter-length sleeves; and the sheath skirt, with a panel at the back, finished in a short train. She had a beaded headpiece. Mrs. Neftin, mother of the groom, wore an aquamarine-blue crepe sheath; which had a matching beaded capecoat. Her hat was of the same colour. Each had a corsage of white orchids. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lassman spent their wedding trip at the Nevele Country Club, in Ellenville, N. Y., the bride departing in a black silk, knitted suit; and a mauve orchid. They have taken up residence at 4615 Bourret Street. Here for the marriage were: Edward Wecker, of Brooklyn, N. Y., cousin of the bride; Mrs. L. Greenbaum, and her daughter, Miss Goldie Greenbaum; and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wiseman; all of Toronto, Ont.

CORB-BECKER

The marriage of Miss Theresa Becker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Becker, 4659 Earnscliffe Avenue, to David Corb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Corb, 4841 Barclay Avenue, was solemnized at Beth Hamedrash Hagadol Synagogue, on Sunday, December 22, at half-past six o'clock, by Rabbi Lester Rosner, assisted by Cantor M. Kaufler. The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore an Empire gown of white, beaded peau de soie. The fitted bodice was arranged with a round neckline; and long sleeves; and the A-line skirt finished in a short train. Her veil of tulle illusion was placed by a seed-pearl-beaded crown; and she carried a prayer book, with orange Delight roses. Miss Eleanor Spear was maid of honour. She wore a turquoise-blue, peau de soie gown; made with a round neckline; short sleeves; full skirt. She had a matching hat; and carried a bouquet of orange Delight roses. Misses Helen Scherer, cousin of the groom; and Marion Ruby, were bridesmaids, each wearing a turquoise-blue peau de soie gown. Their hats were blue; and they carried cascade bouquets of orange Delight roses. Charles Becker, brother of the bride, was best man. The ushers were: Allan Becker, cousin of the bride; Bernard Scherer, cousin of the groom; Steven Ruby, Arthur Levy, Arthur Eklove, and Harry Eichler. The wedding flower were gold-coloured and turquoise-blue-tinted roses, carnations and chrysanthemums. An orchestra played the wedding music. One hundred and fifty guests were received in the Synagogue hall. Mrs. Becker, mother of the bride, wore a gold-coloured, peau de soie gown; with a round neckline, and three-quarter-length sleeves. The A-line skirt was finished with a detachable panel at the back. Her hat matched the gown. Mrs. Corb, mother of the groom, wore a gold-coloured brocaded sheath; fashioned with a round neckline; and short sleeves. She had a matching hat. Each had a corsage of white orchids. Mrs. Annie Lifshitz, of Lakewood, N.J., grandmother of the bride, wore a gold-coloured peau de soie gown. She had a matching hat; and a corsage of white roses, and carnations. Mr. and Mrs. David Corb spent their wedding trip in the Catskill Mountains, of New York. They have taken up residence at 27 Belcourt Road. Here for the marriage were: Mrs. Rose Blumenthal, of Bronx, N. Y., great-aunt of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Miller, of Long Island, N. Y.; Mrs. Samuel Silverman, of New York, aunt of the bride; and Bernard Scherer, and his sister, Miss Helen Scherer, cousins of the groom, of Toronto, Ont.

WOLFSON-SCHRAGER

The marriage of Miss Riva Schrager, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Schrager, 7779 Stuart Avenue, to Daniel Wolfson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wolfson, 740 Bloomfield Avenue, was solemnized at Beth Aaron Synagogue, on Sunday, December 29, at six o'clock, by Dr. Eliezer Ebner, Rabbi, assisted by Reverend M. Indik. The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a fitted, brocaded gown; fashioned with a high neckline, and long sleeves; and a sheath skirt, with a detachable train. Her veil of tulle illusion was held by a flowered headpiece; and she carried a prayer book with white orchids. Miss Reissa Schrager was her sister's maid of honour. She wore a turquoise-blue, sleeveless, peau de soie gown; fashioned with a beaded bodice; and bell-shaped skirt. She had a flowered headpiece; and carried a cascade bouquet of yellow roses. Norman Wolfson was his brother's best man. The ushers were: Mark Schrager, brother of the bride; Archie Rosen, Morris Leckterman, uncles of the groom; Louis Weingarten, uncle of the bride; Harvey Weingarten, Murray Weingartan, cousins of the bride; Harvey Schaffer, cousins of the groom; and Abraham Gonschore. White chrysanthemums, and turquoise-blue carnations, and gladioli, decorated the Synagogue. An orchestra played the wedding music. Two hundred and fifty guests were received in the Synagogue hall. Mrs. Schrager, mother of the bride, wore a turquoise-blue, peau de soie gown; fashioned with a beaded chiffon bodice. She had a matching head-band. Mrs. Wolfson, mother of the groom, wore a turquoise-blue, peau de soie gown; fashioned with a beaded bodice. She had a matching head-band. Mrs. Wolfson, mother of the groom, wore a turquoise-blue, peau de soie gown; fashioned with a beaded bodice. She had a matching headpiece. Each had a corsage of white orchids. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Wolfson spent their wedding trip at the Nevele Country Club, in Ellenville, N.Y., the bride departing in a silk, printed suit; and a corsage of white orchids. They have taken up residence at 3510 Bedford Road.

JACOBSON-LEBWOHL

The marriage of Miss Hannah Lebwohl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lebwohl, 5460 Esplanade Avenue, to Michael Jacobson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Jacobson, 2365 Bedford Road, was solemnized at Herzl Hall, on Sunday, February 9, at twelve o'clock, by Rabbi Morris Werner, assisted by Cantor W. Frischman. The bride was given in marriage by her parents. She wore a full-skirted white chiffon gown; appliqued with beads and sequins; the fitted bodice being fashioned with a round neckline; and long sleeves, pointed at the wrists. She had a flowered headpiece; and carried a white orchid on a prayer book. Miss Paula Jacobson, sister of the groom, was maid of honour. She wore a sleeveless, gold-coloured, beaded peau de soie gown; made with a jewel neckline; and full skirt. She had a matching hat; and carried a bouquet of white and gold-coloured carnations. Jerry Caplan was his cousin's best man. Gold-coloured roses, and white carnations, were the wedding flowers. There was orchestral music. Afterwards, one hundred and twenty guests were received at a luncheon. Mrs. Lebwohl, mother of the bride, wore a gold-coloured peau de soie sheath; with short sleeves; and a round neckline. She had a matching hat. Mrs. Jacobson, mother of the groom, wore a sleeveless, gold-coloured beaded peau de soie gown; with a round neckline; and flared skirt. Her hat matched it. Each had a corsage of gold-coloured orchids. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Jacobson spent their wedding trip in Lake Placid, New York, the bride departing in a gold-coloured metallic suit; and had a corsage of white orchids. They have taken up residence at 2740 Bedford Road.

APPROACHING MARRIAGES

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Bean, 7873 Biruam Avenue, announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Hannah Bean, to William Sheffren, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Sheffren, 6700 Westbury Avenue, to take place on Sunday, May 24, at one o'clock, at Beth Aaron Synagogue, Dr. Eliezer Ebner, Rabbi, officiating.

BIRTHS

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Mel Steiner, (nee Marlene Mellinger), 22 Elkhorn Drive, Toronto, Ont., on February 26, at New Mount Sinai Hospital, a daughter, Melinda Gaye; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Steiner, 66 Exbury Road; and of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Mellinger, 493 Brunswick Avenue; great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Izzy Feldman, 33 Celt Avenue; all of Toronto, Ont.; and of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Steiner, of Montreal, Quebec.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Kibrick (nee Harriet Rissman), 6300 Lennox Avenue, on March 6, at the Jewish General Hospital, a daughter, Rhona Melanie; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kibrick, 4352 La Peltrie Street; and of Harry Rissman, of Montreal, and the late Mrs. Ruth Rissman; great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Cohen, 6368 Coolbrook Avenue.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ginsberg (nee Susan Donnenfield), 54 Meadowbrook Avenue, Toronto, Ont., on March 12, at the New Mount Sinai Hospital, a daughter, Jennifer Ellen; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Donnenfield, 10 Shallmar Boulevard, Toronto; and of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ginsberg, 3445 Drummond Street, Montreal; great-granddaughter of Mrs. Ethel Newman, 1411 Eglinton Avenue West; and of Mrs. Leah Donnenfield, 435 Glengrove Avenue West; both of Toronto.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Horace Jacobson (nee Mindy Smith, formerly of Montreal), 1610 Edward Street, Halifax, N.S., on February 25, at the Grace Maternity Hospital, there, a son, Jay Simon; brother of Seyma Kayla, aged two and one-half years; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Max Smith, 5020 Jean Brillant Avenue, Montreal; and of Mrs. J. Jacobson, of Halifax, and the late Jay Simon Jacobson. Godparents are Moe Kuchinsky, uncle, and Mrs. Max Yablon, aunt, both of Halifax. Mrs. Max Smith, grandmother, is honorary godmother. Mr. Smith, grandfather, held the baby during the ceremony. Mrs. Horace Jacobson is a Registered Nurse.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Seymour Morris (nee Shirley Almond), 1370 Allan Avenue, on March 1, at the Jewish General Hospital, a son, Richard Lorne; brother of Joel, aged ten years; and Rhonda, eight; grandson of Max Morris; 803 Dollard Avenue, and the late Mrs. Rachel Morris; and of Mrs. Fanny Heaps, 4900 Cote des Neiges Road. Godparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rovitch, 4685 Carlton Avenue, uncle, and aunt. Mr. Morris, grandfather, held the baby during the ceremony.

DEATHS

Harry David Prashker, 5843 Decarie Boulevard, aged seventy-five years, the widower of Mrs. Sadie Prashker, died on Tuesday, March 17, at the Jewish General Hospital. He is survived by two sons: Max Prashker, 2470 St. Louis Street; Ely Prashker, 614 Smart Avenue; two daughters: Mrs. Joseph Diamond (Tillie), 2515 Maplewood Avenue; Mrs. Max Kaufman (Jessie), 8165 De L'Epee Avenue; eight grandchildren: Sydney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Prashker; Elaine, and Stephen, children of Mr. and Mrs. Ely Prashker; Marvin, Harvey, and Allan Diamond; Howard, and Sheldon Kaufman; a great-grandchild, Earl Harry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Diamond; a brother, Jack Prashker, 27 Dell Park Avenue, Toronto, Ont.; two sisters: Mrs. S. Silverstein (Theresa), and Mrs. Max Greenberg (Goldie), both of New York. Funeral services took place from Paperman's. Dr. Chaim N. Denburg, Rabbi, officiated. Burial was at Leslie Hore Belisha Cemetery. Shiva was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Prashker.

Mrs. Rachel Toplitsky Brown, 6010 Cote St. Luc Road, the widow of Max Brown, died on Monday, February 17, at the Mount Sinai Sanatorium, in Ste. Agathe, Quebec. She is survived by a son, Morris Brown, 2352 Benjamin Suite Street; two daughters: Mrs. Leo Tzak (Pearl), 6010 Cote St. Luc Road; Mrs. Irving Bordo (Betty), 1645 Rathurst Street, Toronto, Ont.; six grandchildren: Vivian, and Kathy Brown; Mrs. Louis Thow (Zelda), and Mrs. A. Rayson (Dorothy), daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Tzak; Stephen, and Paul Bordo; six great-grandchildren: Steven, John, and David Thow; Daniel, Emily, and Monica Rayson; a sister, Mrs. Z. Okner (Betty), of Newark, N. J. Funeral services took place from Paperman's. Dr. Chaim N. Denburg, Rabbi, officiated. Burial was at Workmen's Circle Cemetery. Shiva was held at the home.

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Social Notes — Montreal

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Mints, of Dorchester, Mass., visited her brother-in-law, and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Louis, 5000 La Peltrie Street.

Miss Tina Shaneman, 1182 Bardet Street, spent three months in Los Angeles, Calif.

Mrs. L. Edelstein, 4644 Bel Air Road, was in Miami Beach, Florida.

Mrs. Joseph Rudner, 4885 Queen Mary Road, spent a holiday in Miami Beach, Florida.

Mrs. Leo Aronoff, 5285 Victoria Avenue, spent a holiday in Miami Beach, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ludmer, and Stanley Ludmer, formerly of 4244 Decarie Boulevard, have moved to 5275 Randall Avenue.

Pinkus Goldwaig, of Mettapan, Mass., visited his brother-in-law, and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Louis, 5000 La Peltrie Street.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Weishloom, 6 Brett Avenue, Toronto, Ont., visited their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Isie Kaplovitch, 2245 Nantel Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Hayman, 146 Delhi Avenue, Toronto, Ont., visited his brother, and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hayman, 11385 James Morrice Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Hyman M. Berson, 4017 Mackenzie Street, gave a Pidyen Ha'Ben with sixty guests present, in honour of their grandson, Stewart Lee; son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Berson, 4165 Dupuis Avenue; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lieberman, 4728 La Peltrie Street. Mrs. Berson wore a black, silk dress. Mrs. Marvin Berson wore a black, knitted suit, trimmed with pink rosebuds. Mrs. Lieberman wore a blue, silk sheath. Cantor Nathan Mendelson conducted services.

Mr. and Mrs. Myer Rubinfeld, 790 Alexis Nihon Boulevard, celebrated the birthdays of their daughters, Faygie, aged nine years; and Shelley, six; sisters of Abraham, eleven; and David, seven. Faygie wore a peach-coloured, nylon dress. Shelley wore a turquoise-blue, knitted dress. There were twenty-three guests. A pink, and white birthday cake trimmed the table.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Silver, 2265 Mantha Street, were honoured at a surprise bon voyage party, with thirty guests present, given by their children at the home of their son-in-law, and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Nathan M. Sheiner (Claire), 695 Alexis Nihon Boulevard; and Mrs. Silver's brothers-in-law, and sisters; Mr. and Mrs. P. Satenstein (Toby), 1222 Lajoie Street; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Weigensberg (Riva), 1068 Shorecrest Avenue; and Mr. and Mrs. J. Buchbinder, (Paula), 7438 Ostell Crescent. They have a son, Peter Silver; and another son-in-law, and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Finkelstein (Shirley), 2267 Mantha Street. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Silver sailed via the Olympia for a seven-week tour of the Mediterranean, and Israel, where they spent Passover and Independence Day, and will return on the S.S. Shalom.

Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Quint, 4690 Cumberland Avenue, were honoured at a surprise party at Ruby Foo's in honour of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, given by their children. They have two sons-in-law, and three daughters; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Schlossberg (Alice), 5460 Bessborough Avenue; Mr. and Mrs. Ludy Karls (Joan), 5523 Oakwood Avenue; and Miss Fern Lee Quint; and a grandchild, Mindy Liz Karls. Mrs. Quint wore a beige, silk, printed sheath, draped at the side; with a corsage of yellow roses. A centerpiece of red roses, and a white, and pink cake formed the table decoration. There were fifty guests.

Maritimes Section

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Borace Jacobson (nee Mindy Smith, formerly of Montreal, Quebec) 1610 Edward Street, Halifax, N.S., on February 25, at the Grace Maternity Hospital, a son, Jay Simon; brother of Seyma Kayla, aged two and one-half years; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Max Smith, 5020 Jean Brillant Avenue, Montreal; and of Mrs. J. Jacobson, of Halifax, and the late Jay Simon Jacobson. Godparents are Moe Kuchinsky, uncle, and Mrs. Max Yablon, aunt, both of Halifax. Mrs. Max Smith, grandmother, is honorary godmother. Mr. Smith, grandfather, held the baby during the ceremony. Mrs. Borace Jacobson has the title of Registered Nurse.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph M. Medjuck, 25 Connaught Avenue, Halifax, N. S., entertained at a predance cocktail party.

David Vinegar, a student of Dalhousie University, in Dalhousie, N. B., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. Vinegar, of Perth, New Brunswick.

Mrs. Jennie Smilestein, 843 McEachran Avenue, Montreal, Quebec, is visiting her son, and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ruby Smilestein, and daughter, Gila, of Carbonear, Newfoundland; and her sons-in-law, and daughters: Mr. and Mrs. Ben Friedman, and Francine, and Frank, of Sydney, N. S.; and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Reitman, and Larry, and Robert, of St. John's, Newfoundland.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lampert, and Beverley, and Irwin, 59 Arlington Drive, Moncton, N. B., visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Louis, 5000 La Peltrie Street, Montreal, Quebec.

Mrs. Borace Jacobson, and Seyma Kayla, 1610 Edward Street, Halifax, N. S., visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Smith, 5020 Jean Brillant Avenue, Montreal, Quebec.

BIRTHS

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Silver (nee Ruth Dubow), 3665 Ridgewood Avenue, on January 19, at the Montreal General Hospital, a daughter, Abby Sharon; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Dubow, 5201 Cote St. Antoine Road; and of Mrs. Edith Silver, 1029 Ball Avenue, and the late Abraham Silver.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Diner (nee Saundra Samuels, formerly of Kingston, Ont.), 5624 Emerald Avenue, on March 8, at the Herbert Reddy Memorial Hospital, twin daughters, Cheryl Gail; and Susan Rosalie; granddaughters of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Samuels, of Kingston; and of Mr. and Mrs. L. Diner, of Montreal.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bier (nee Phyllis Silverberg), 6510 Wilderton Avenue, on March 7, at the Jewish General Hospital, a daughter, Laurie; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Silverberg, 617 Alexis Nihon Boulevard; and of Mr. and Mrs. Morrie Bier, 5870 McShane Street; great-granddaughter, of Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Yanofsky, 6025 Wilderton Avenue.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bergen (nee Marlene Kronick), of Montreal, on March 5, at the Jewish General Hospital, a son, Scott Reade; brother of Elaine; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. R. Kronick; and of Mr. and Mrs. A. Bergen. Godparents are Mr. and Mrs. I. Lesk, uncle and aunt; all of Montreal. Mr. Bergen, grandfather, held the baby during the ceremony.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs) Norman Baron (nee Ronnie Siegel, formerly of Philadelphia, Pa.) 2270 Stevens Street, on February 29, at the Jewish General Hospital, a daughter, Randee Barbara; sister of Jeffrey Lewis, aged six years; and Andrea Robin, four and one-half; granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Louis Siegel; and of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Baron.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer Dolman (nee Layah Spector), 5592 Macdonald Avenue, on March 10, at the Royal Victoria Hospital, a son, Robert Mark; brother of Barbi May, aged five years; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Spector; and of Mr. and Mrs. W. Dolman. Godparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Rubin, uncle, and aunt, Joseph Dolman, uncle, all of Montreal, held the baby during the ceremony. All are of Montreal.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bordoff (nee Claire Lenet), 5767 Trinity Avenue, on March 10, at the Jewish General Hospital, a daughter, Glori Eve; sister of Pamela, aged two and one-half years; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bordoff, 4842 Plamondon Street; and of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lenet, 5428 Trans Island Avenue.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Golberg (nee Dorsen Silver), 468 Ninety-Seventh Avenue, on February 16, at the Royal Victoria Hospital, a daughter, Shari Ann; sister of Mark, aged six years; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Silver, 819 Stuart Avenue; and of William Golberg, of Jonquiere, Quebec, and the late Mrs. Sarah Golberg.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Flam (nee Sharon Cohen, formerly of Saint John, N. B.), 3455 Aylmer Street, on February 28, at the Royal Victoria Hospital, a daughter, Shelley Roslyn; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Flam, of Chandler, Quebec; and of Mr. and Mrs. Israel R. Cohen, of Saint John; great-granddaughter of Louis Flam, of Newcastle, N. B.; and of Nathan Jacobson, of Halifax, N. S.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Julius Lis (nee Pearl Eisenberg), 4750 Dupuis Avenue, on March 6, at the Jewish General Hospital, a daughter, Andrea Helen; sister of Howard, aged eighteen months; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Lis, 5700 Davies Street; and of David Eisenberg, 4620A Rouchette Street, and the late Mrs. Helen Eisenberg; great-granddaughter of Mrs. Bella Lis, 5060 Borden Avenue.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Rosenzweig (nee Marion Lieb, formerly of Blackpool, England), 1981 Ward Street, on March 3, at the Jewish General Hospital, a daughter, Benita Randi; sister of Malcolm David, aged three and one-half years; and Jordan Miles, seventeen months; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rosenzweig, 4585 Dupuis Avenue; and of Mr. and Mrs. S. Lieb; great-granddaughter of Mrs. Rebecca Lieb, all of Blackpool.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Waner, 3105 Appleton Avenue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Sheila Waner, to Robert Edelstein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Edelstein, 1180 Bardet Street. Mr. Edelstein is a graduate of Sir George Williams University, with the Bachelor of Science degree.

Mr. and Mrs. John Aaron, 6269 Mountain Sights Avenue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Anita Sandra Aaron, to Martin Hislop, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Hislop, 6260 Deacon Road. The marriage will take place on December 13, at Chevra Kadisha Bnai Jacob Synagogue.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Kantor, 4729 Kent Avenue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Roxanne Kantor, to Hascal Allen Rosen, son of Dr. and Mrs. Louis J. Rosen, 3811 Melrose Avenue. The marriage will take place on June 16, at Young Israel Synagogue.

The engagement of Miss Ruth Fried, of Montreal, daughter of Samuel Fried, of Rouyn, Quebec, and the late Mrs. Gittle Fried, to Abraham Drazin, son of Mrs. Gertrude Drazin, of Montreal, and the late Samuel Drazin, is announced. The marriage will take place on June 23, at Young Israel Synagogue.

The engagement of Miss Penny Sharin Silver, daughter of Joseph Silver, 2840 Bedford Road, and the late Mrs. Sylvia Silver, to Herbert Glazer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Glazer, 4380 Plamondon Street, formerly of New York, is announced. The marriage will take place in October.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Propus, 1942 Barclay Avenue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Beverley Propus, to Ian Rose, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rose, 5590 Legare Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Klempner, 8226 Stuart Avenue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Rhoda Klempner, to Harvey Klerer, of Montreal, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Klerer.

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MONTREAL MEETINGS

★ BERGEN-BELSEN ★ SURVIVORS

On April 19, the Survivors Association marks the nineteenth anniversary of the liberation of the infamous Nazi concentration camp, Bergen-Belsen, by the Allies. At at 11.00 a.m., the Belsen Monument will be unveiled at the Kehal Israel Cemetary in Dollard Des Ormeaux. Hundreds of past inmates of the Belsen, as well as other Nazi concentration camps, will participate. Distinguished guests from Ottawa, New York, and Israel will take part in this ceremony. Special delegations of Belsen Associations from Toronto, New York, Chicago, and Pittsburgh will place wreaths on the Monument. The "Father of the D.P.'s", Josef Rosensaft and his wife, Dr. Hadassah Rosensaft, of New York, will lead the procession and unveil the Monument which is an exact replica of the original Belsen Monument that was erected in Belsen right after the liberation, and it is the first of its kind in the world honouring the memory of thousands upon thousands exterminated in Belsen and in other Nazi concentration camps. The Belsen Monument is under the distinguished patronage of: The Right Honourable Lester B. Pearson, the Prime Minister of Canada; the Right Honourable Jean Lesage, the Premier of Quebec; His Excellency Gershon Avner, the Ambassador of the State of Israel to Canada; His Excellency J. D. Sheel, the Consul General of Denmark to Montreal; His Worship Jean Drapeau, Mayor of the City of Montreal; the Canadian Jewish Congress; Josef Rosensaft, president of the World Federation of the Bergen-Belsen Associations, and his wife, Dr. Rosensaft; and the Paperman Family, of Montreal. At 6.30 p.m., at a banquet at Herzl Hall, 1215 Van Horne Avenue, a program will be presented. Officers are: Paul Trepman, president; O. Smilovics, vice-president; Z. Yablon, secretary; S. Gens, treasurer; Executive: N. Fogel, H. Goldstein; Miss Erna Kleiner, Miss Mary Maidenbaum, L. Nicinski, Miss Lily Schainiak, J. Smukler, S. Schildkraut, J. Zand, D. Zelkovitch.

★ FEDERATION ★

Of Jewish Community Services: Nat Cohen is the chairman of the building fund campaign of the Jewish Convalescent Hospital, of which Moe Kanigsberg is president. The campaign for $750,000 takes place April 6 to 20. The Hospital is an agency of Federation, and the campaign has been approved by the Combined Jewish Appeal. Mr. Cohen is a vice-president of the Convalescent Hospital; a past division chairman of the Appeal; and is active in a number of other agencies. The new Hospital will be a 110-bed structure on a new site on Notre Dame Street in Chomedey, which will relieve the pressing need for convalescent beds for patients recuperating from acute illnesses. The building will cost approximately $1,350,000. The Hospital will receive a total of $600,000 in construction grants from the Federal and Provincial governments with an equal amount coming from each government. The balance of $750,000 is being sought in the building fund campaign. The ground-breaking ceremony at the new site took place last fall and construction will be started in May. A number of building fund campaign functions will take place in April. The Hospital serves the community on a non-sectarian basis. "A Changing Jewish Community, Challenge And Response" will be the theme of the 47th annual meeting, with agencies, on April 19, at 2 p.m., at the Windsor Hotel. Gordon Brown is chairman of the meeting committee. The guest speaker, Philip Bernstein, of New York, executive director of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, will explain the philosophy and concept of central organization as it has been developed in other major Jewish communities on this continent. Lavy M. Becker, president, as part of his annual report, will deal with developments that have led to the proposal for the new central organization of the Jewish community of Montreal. A panel of local leaders who have been working on organizational and steering committees for the new organization will answer questions from the floor. With Mr. Brown on the annual meeting committee are: E. Michael Berger, Q.C., program; Alan Finestone, publicity; Mrs. Ralph Cummings, arrangements; Monty Berger, Gerald Bronfman, Dr. Alfred Feintuch, Dr. Arthur Friedman, Joseph A. Friedman, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lyons Heppner, Mrs. George Kantrowitz, Humphrey Kassie, Mrs. Abe Kirshner, Ellis Leiter, Boris G. Levine, Louis Novick, Saul Roseman, Reuben Ross, Joseph Rothbart, Oscar Rubenstein, Ernest Sabloff, Miss Goldie Vine, David Weiss. Federation staff members working with the committee are: Alvin Bronstein, executive director; Emanuel Weiner, A. J. Arnold. The constituent agencies are: Baron de Hirsch Institute and Jewish Child Welfare Bureau, Herzl Health Service Centre, Camp Wooden Acres, Jewish Vocational Service, Maimonides Hospital and Home For Aged, Mount Sinai Sanatorium, Neighbourhood House, Jewish Convalescent Hospital, Golden Age Program of National Council of Jewish Women.

★ JEWISH CONVALESCENT ★

Hospital Women's Council paid-up membership tea is on April 8, at 1.30 p.m., at the Sheraton-Mount Royal Hotel. Dr. Ernest Shapiro will be the guest speaker. Mrs. A. Weissler will give a program of Jewish songs. Conveners are Mesdames H. Lenetsky, 2375 Bedford Road; and M. Levitt, 5622 MacAlear Street. Mrs. J. Libben, 4146 Van Horne Avenue, is Council president. Esther Rachel Unit: Mr. and Mrs. S. Berish, 4700 Plamondon Street, donated $18 on their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Mrs. S. Peritz, 750 Stuart Avenue, became a life member through the efforts of Mrs. B. Clamen, 724 Stuart Avenue. An "imaginary tea" is planned for April, at the next meeting. Rachel Leah-Benjamin Spector Unit: Mrs. F. Pepper, congratulated Mr. and Mrs. J. Sidler, 4940 Maplewood Avenue, on their forty-first wedding anniversary. Ezra Ladies Society met at 5189 Decarie Boulevard. Mrs. S. Lefcort, president, presided. Mrs. M. Peters, 5910 Mountain Sights Avenue, was hostess. Mesdames M. Goldfarb, 595 Bloomfield Avenue; and B. Piafsky, 6230 Dalou Street, were welcomed back from their vacation in Miami, Florida. Mrs. S. Adler, 2120 Van Horne Avenue, won the raffle, and gave a donation.

★ CANADIAN FRIENDS ★

Of Bar-Ilan University in Israel: The right to confer Master's degrees in the sciences and arts, and doctorates in philosophy in Hebrew studies, was recognized by the Council of Higher Education in Israel, Rabbi S. M. Zambrowsky, and Hyman Beasin, trustees of the University, reported on their return from Israel with Dr. Joseph H. Lookstein, acting president of the University. The Minister of Education and Culture, Mr. Aranne, had appointed a special committee headed by Prof. Moshe Rachmielowitz, to examine the study levels at Bar-Ilan University, which reported that it was favorably impressed by the standard of work of the students and of the University. The Board of Regents, on behalf of the Education Department of the State of New York, granted a provincial charter recognizing Bar-Ilan University as an American-accredited University in Israel with rights to confer the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Master of Arts, Master of Science; and Doctor of Philosophy in Hebrew studies in conformity of the rules of the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York. A graduate of Bar-Ilan University, Moshe Ansfeld, received his Doctorate in psychology from McGill University last year, and three Bar-Ilan graduates received scholarships to study in three Canadian universities, Queen's, McMaster, and the University of Alberta. Bar-Ilan pioneered in establishing a full department in psychology in Israeli Universities.

★MIZRACHI-HAPOEL★

Hamizrachi luncheon for Israel Bonds is on April 15, at the home of Mrs. Samuel Roth, 16 Devon Avenue. Other chairmen are: Mesdames A. Malina, 755 Champagneur Avenue; and B. Lechter, 621 Carleton Avenue. Jan Bart, of T. V. and radio, will entertain.

★ CANADIAN FRIENDS ★

Of The Hebrew University: At a meeting in Jerusalem, Bernard M. Bloomfield, of Montreal, was elected to the international board of governors of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He is president of the Montreal Chapter. Other governors from Canada are: Allan Bronfman, Mrs. Harry Cohen, Joseph N. Frank, Michael Greenblatt, Q.C.; Professor J. H. Quastel, all of Montreal; Mr. Justice Samuel Freedman, of Winnipeg, Manitoba; Mrs. D. P. Gotlieb, Mrs. William Rivan; alternate governors.

★ ADATH ISRAEL ★

Synagogue, Charles Bender, Rabbi: On April 5, Men's Club will be guests of the Shaare Zion Men's Club at their breakfast session. Joel Sternthal is Synagogue president; Harry A. Starr is Brotherhood president. Sisterhood art and antique fair on April 14, will be open from 1 p.m., to 5 p.m., and from 8 p.m., to 11 p.m. Conveners are Mesdames Abraham Dalfen, Abe Tafler, Samuel Rabinovitch, Jack Steinberg, Joel Sternthal, and Nathan Bierbrier. Mrs. Hyman Neamten is Sisterhood president.

★ BNAI BRITH WOMEN ★

Cum Laude Chapter Number 548 Business and Professional Girls' Group general meeting is on Wednesday, April 8, at 8.30 p.m., Miss Sylvia Cohen, president, will preside. Miss Shirley Feldman is program chairman.

★ PYTHIAN SISTERS ★

Recia Stanfield Memorial Temple Number Four are holding a business meeting on April 7, at 8.30 p.m., at the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue. Mrs. S. Fller is hostess. Mrs. J. Tracton is president; Mrs. J. Goldberg, secretary; Mrs. M. Rosen, treasurer.

★ BETH ZION ★

Synagogue, Adult Institute of Jewish Studies will present on April 9, at 9.15 p.m., Dr. Ernest Goldstein, speaking on "Maimonides, A Leader Of The Perplexed." Nathan Shuster is chairman. Everyone is welcome. A social hour will follow.

BIRTHS

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. John Melnick (nee Dorothy Medicoff), 5717 Leger Street, on February 26, at the Royal Victoria Hospital, a daughter, Jacqueline; sister of Barbara, aged seven years; Robin, five, and Andrew, three; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Medicoff, 5469 Westminster Avenue; and of Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Melnick, 2650 Goyer Street; great-granddaughter of Mrs. Fanny Medicoff, of Toronto, Ont.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Goldberg (nee Cassandra Cohen), 5707 Wentworth Avenue, on March 6, at the Jewish General Hospital, a son, Hilliard Manuel; grandson of Mrs. Annie Goldberg, 5530 Victoria Avenue, and the late Hyman Goldberg; and of Mr. and Mrs. Isaie Cohen, 5890 Palmer Street, who are the godparents; great-grandson of Mrs. Rifka Friedberg, 5530 Victoria Avenue. Hyman Altman, 4945 Hampton Avenue, uncle, held the baby during the ceremony.

DEATHS

Albert Alfandri, 4913 Victoria Avenue, died on Saturday, March 7, at home. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Rose Hefter Alfandri; a daughter, Mrs. I. Ripstein (Janet); a granddaughter, Mrs. Barbara Golden; two great-grandchildren: Mitchell, and Debra Golden; a brother, Lou. Alfandri, of Washington, D. C.; and a sister, Mrs. Amelia Hacker, of Jamaica, Long Island, N. Y. Funeral services took place from Paperman's. Rabbi Wilfred Shuchat, and Dr. Solomon Frank, Rabbi, officiated. Burial was at Shaar Hashomayim Cemetery. Shiva was held at the home.

Myer Abramovitch, of Montreal, died on Sunday, March 8, at Jean D'Arc Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Sarah Abramovitch; a son, Morris Abramovitch, 5750 Mountain Sights Avenue; two daughters; Mrs. Ettie Lang, of that address; Mrs. Morris Cogan-ovitch (Rose), 4671 Cumberland Avenue; six grandchildren: Samuel, Jerry, and Mrs. Jack Rother (Claire), children of Mrs. Ettie Lang; Kalman, Solomon, and Allan Coganovitch; a brother, Issie Abramovitch, of Montreal. Funeral services took place from Paperman's. Dr. Chaim N. Denburg, Rabbi, officiated. Burial was at Baron de Hirsch Cemetery. Shiva was private.

Mrs. Becky Freedman, 5760 Decelles Avenue, the widow of Hyman Freedman, died on Friday, December 19, in Miami, Florida. She is survived by a son, Daniel Freedman, 271 Dufferin Road, Montreal; and a daughter, Mrs. Ben Mintz (Esther), 453 Dufferin Road; seven grandchildren: Hyman Freedman, 5780 Trans Island Avenue; Mrs. Gary Trustan (Sheila), 5565 King Edward Avenue; Frank, Leonard, and Gloria Freedman; Helen, and Marlon Mintz; a great-grandson, Eric, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Freedman; five brothers: Israel Patofsky, 4273 St. Dominique Street; Myer Patofsky, 5914 Trans Island Avenue; Moe Potofsky, 4635 Van Horne Avenue; Samuel Patoff, 391 Brock Avenue, Toronto, Ont.; Isaie M. Potofsky, 2996 Bedford Road. She was the sister of the late Barnett Patofsky, and of Mrs. Esther Bean. Funeral services took place from Paperman's. Rabbi David Roth officiated. Burial was Chevra Kadisha Mont Jacob Cemetery. Shiva was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Freedman.

CONTRACT AWARDED

Congregation Tiffereth Jerusalem, located at 6519 Baily St., Town of Cote St-Luc, has awarded a contract for 620 Synagogue seats to O. Ducharme & Fils Limitée, 1290 Boulevard Rosemont, amongst other quotations and specifications. This new concept of seats seemed to satisfy the general approval of the Congregation.

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BACKGROUND NOTES ON THE WARSAW GHETTO UPRISING AGAINST THE NAZIS

By now it has become a tradition for Jewish communities all over the world to observe the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising of 1943, not only as a tribute to the countless Jewish martyrs and heroes of the Nazi era but also as a symbol of resistance to oppression and condemnation of the atrocities of the Nazis, which resulted in the ruthless annihilation of six million Jews.

Were the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising an expression only of the martyrdom of Polish Jewry, this alone would suffice to make it one of the sublimest deeds in the long and tragic history of the Jews. But the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising was even more than that. It was the supreme expression of a people's eternal belief in justice and humanity.

There were about 330,000 Jews in Warsaw at the time of the outbreak of war in September 1939, or ten per cent of the total Jewish population of pre-war Poland. In October 1940, the Germans herded this great number of Jews into a ghetto separated from the Gentile population by walls and barbed wire. Later the area of this ghetto was reduced. Until July, 1942, the extermination of the Jews was carried out by means of increasingly severe restrictions on food distribution and decrees barring medical help to Jews, an invariable feature of the various forms of human destruction introduced by the Germans.

Beginning July 22, 1942, the Germans changed the system. Mass deportations were organized mainly to concentration camps and gas chambers under cover of rumours spread by the Germans that the deportees were going to labour camps. This deportation included not only Jews of Polish origin but also tens of thousands of Jews from other European countries who were systematically deported to Poland and then from various places in that country to Warsaw.

At the end of October, 1942, as a result of this mass deportation, only about 50,000 Jews remained in Warsaw. Already in January, 1943, the first attempt at a revolt was made by the youth of the Warsaw Ghetto but this revolt was nipped in the bud. When, in the spring of 1943, rumours reached the Warsaw Ghetto that the Germans were preparing to deport the remaining 40,000 or 50,000 Jews from Warsaw, the leaders of the Jewish Underground decided to resort to organized resistance against the Germans. At that time those remnants were already emaciated physically by a long process of starvation, but in spite of that it was decided to rise up against the oppressor.

In the middle of the night of the first Passover Seder, the uprising started when SS Troopers, Ukrainians, the Polish Blue Police, and the Lithuanian uniformed auxiliaries, armed with machine-guns, artillery, and searchlights, invaded the ghetto in order to raze it completely. At once the fighters sprang to arms and every one took his battle station.

This was the beginning. The drama, or rather the tragic effort of these remnants of the once great Jewish community of Warsaw, came to an end in the second half of the month of May. Then in the ruins of the deserted ghetto tiny groups of shadowy human figures clung desperately to their miserable life and kept on fighting and harassing the hated enemy until the end of September, 1943.

A.J.C. Convention To Debate Key Issues For Five Days

Three key issues will be debated by authorities on the subjects at the national biennial convention of the American Jewish Congress, on April 14-19, in Miami Beach, Florida: The New Look In Christian-Jewish Relations; The Changing Role Of The Jewish Community In The Racial Crisis; The Quest For Jewish Identity. Irving Kane, of Cleveland, Ohio, is convention chairman.

Speaking on Christian-Jewish relations will be Father Robert F. Drinan, S. J., Dean of the Boston College Law School, and the leading Catholic authority on church-state relations; Dr. David R. Hunter, associate general secretary of the National Council of Churches, a major Protestant spokesman; and Rabbi Morris Kertzer, of Larchmont Temple, in New York, a specialist on inter-religious questions.

Among the questions that will be raised is: What will the Ecumenical Council's expected adoption of a new schema on the Jews and on religious liberty mean in terms of better inter-religious relations in the U.S.? What is the social effect of increasing Catholic pressures for Federal aid to parochial schools? How have Supreme Court decisions outlawing prayer and Bible-reading in public schools affected relations between Jews and Christians?

Joseph Lyford, author and consultant on race relations for the Fund For The Republic, and Stanley H. Lowell, chairman of the New York City Commission On Human Rights and a national vice-president of the American Jewish Congress, will lead the discussion on the changing role of the Jewish community in the racial crisis:

Is Jewish participation in the civil rights struggle helping to prevent Negro anti-Semitism? Do Jews have a special responsibility, as victims of centuries-old persecution themselves, to help Negroes win equality? Is the Negro freedom movement willing to accept Jews or other whites in major roles?

How does the American Jew strike an effective balance between being like everyone else and being different? How serious is the threat of inter-marriage to Jewish continuity? What is Israel's role in creating a greater Jewish consciousness among American Jews? On this panel for "The Quest for Jewish Identity", will be: Dr. Joachim Prinz, president of the American Jewish Congress; Paul H. Vishny, a Chicago, Jewish, communal leader; and Prof. Joseph Landis, of Queens College, a Jewish social philosopher. In the five-day meeting the delegates will plan the organization's program during the next two-year period in Jewish cultural affairs, in extending democratic freedoms and protecting the rights of Jews at home and abroad. Officers will be elected.

THE "MOST AWFUL OF ALL THE AWFUL NIGHTS" AT AUSCHWITZ

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pled: "I was too little a man to be heard. One of the first things I learned at Auschwitz," he added, "was that an SS man would get into serious trouble if it was learned he was helping prisoners."

Mr. Caesar recalled that conditions at the Auschwitz farm, which was cultivated by prisoner labor, were "horrible — no usable water anywhere, lice, mosquitoes," but said he tried to improve the situation. Twice, he said, he prevented SS guards from shooting prisoners, says the New York Herald Tribune. But he admitted that he now wondered "whether we couldn't have done more for the prisoners than we did."

A survivor of the Auschwitz concentration camp testified that one of the most dreaded guards saved her life when a jealous prisoner denounced her.

"Why were you denounced?" the judge asked. "She reported me because I didn't sweep the dust in my office," Mrs. Maryla Rosenthal, an Israeli citizen who lives in Switzerland, replied.

Before she could be transferred to a special punishment company, she said, former Sgt. Wilhelm Boger, accused in this trial of multiple murders, arranged for her to return to his office as a secretary. Mrs. Rosenthal's testimony implied that she survived three years in Auschwitz because the camp's political section needed her as a secretary and interpreter.

Mrs. Rosenthal said that "everyone knew that there was massacre when Boger entered the men's camp." She said she had witnessed two or three times Boger's use of a torture instrument to extract "confessions" from inmates.

She said the former sergeant would first punch and kick a prisoner to get answers. If this did not help he would lead the prisoner to a room where what was known as the Boger seesaw stood.

"When a prisoner emerged he could neither stand nor sit, and looked like death," she said. The seesaw was an iron bar that was put between two tables. A prisoner was tied on it in such a way that his head pointed to the ground, and then was beaten.

Asked about specific charges against Boger, whom the prisoners called the "Devil of Birkenau," Mrs. Rosenthal said she had never seen him take part in selecting prisoners for the gas chambers, nor shoot any of them, reports the New York Times. Asked whether she had ever heard that Boger ordered shootings, Mrs. Rosenthal said "No, but sometimes people would disappear" after Boger had dealt with them.

A high police official of the city of Krefeld told the court that he once was sent to Auschwitz to investigate reports of large-scale corruption. He said that as a result of his investigation 23 non-commissioned officers were convicted and sentenced to prison terms of up to four years.

He repeatedly denied having more than "heard" that gassings and other murders took place.

Thousands of Gypsy prisoners facing mass execution fought Gestapo guards for hours with knives, razor blades, and fists in the "most awful of all the awful nights" at the Auschwitz death camp, a former inmate testified.

"Unlike the Jews, the Gypsies fought," said the witness, Hermann Diamanski, says the New York Herald Tribune. "They sold their lives dearly. The Jews would sing death songs as they entered the gas chambers, but the Gypsies battled. But in the end they all died."

Mr. Diamanski appeared at the trial of 22 former Auschwitz guards and a former trusty prisoner accused of taking part in the extermination of up to four million people at the camp during World War II. He said he himself survived because he was a political rather than a racial prisoner.

The fighting broke out, Mr. Diamanski said, after it had been decided to send the camp's entire Gypsy population, numbering several thousands, to the gas chambers in a single night. Heavily armed SS (Elite) Guards overcame the desperate resistance.

"The Gypsies screamed all night," said the witness. "It was awful."

"The Gestapo men then made the Jewish prisoners dance and sing for them after the Gypsies were gassed," Mr. Diamanski said.

In another war crimes trial, at Braunschweig, the mother of a former SS officer claimed her right as a relative to refuse to testify, though in her son's defense.

The defendant, Hans-Walter Zech-Nenntwich, had said his mother could support his story that he faked the execution of a blonde Jewish woman he is accused of having killed because she "reminded me of someone I loved."

DR. NORBERT WIENER, "FATHER OF AUTOMATION"

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Dr. Wiener used cybernetics to define a field that "combines under one heading the study of what in a human context is sometimes loosely described as thinking and in engineering is known as control and communication."

He said that cybernetics attempted to find the common elements in the functions of automatic machines and of the human nervous system and to develop a theory that would cover the entire field of control and communications in machines and in living organisms.

His book "Cybernetics: Or Control and Communication in the Animal and the Machine" (1948), evoked wide interest among scientists and laymen.

Dr. Wiener continued to be one of the leading scientists in this field. He saw the development of giant electronic computers and automatic control devices as heralding a new Industrial Revolution. He suggested that this new revolution might devalue the human brain for routine work much as the original Industrial Revolution had devalued human muscle.

He was disturbed over the destructive potentialities of military devices based on his work and that of other scientists. In 1947 he announced that he would not contribute to any further military research.

Among his most recent endeavors, in collaboration with other scientists, was the development of electrical equipment for automatic analysis of human brain waves as an aid to psychiatric and physiological diagnosis, says the New York Times. Recently, in an interview, Dr. Wiener expressed the view that there existed a danger that computers would some day get the upper hand over men "if we don't take a realistic attitude."

"The danger," he said, "is essentially intellectual laziness. Some people have been so bamboozled by the word 'machine' that they don't realize what can be done and what cannot be done with machines — and what can be left, and what cannot be left, to the human beings."

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Social Notes—Toronto

Miss Shirley Mandel, 21 Forest Ridge Drive, is on a tour of Chicago, Ill.; Mexico City, and Acapulco, Mexico; and San Diego, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathen Korman, 110 Searle Avenue, are back from a stay at the Cromwell Hotel, in Miami Beach, Florida, having also spent a week with their son, and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. William Korman, and Robert, Elisa Lynn, and Rachael Ann, of Baltimore, Maryland.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Kornbloom, 124 Invermay Avenue, have returned from a four-week, Mediterranean cruise, where they visited Naples, Italy; Casablanca, Morocco; Lisbon, Portugal; and New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Abraham, 6 Codsell Avenue, are in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Mrs. L. Glickman, and her son, Seymour Glickman, of Montreal, Quebec, visited her son, and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Morton J. Glickman, and son, Jay Howard, 675 Roselawn Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hoffman, 1005 Lyons Avenue, spent their honeymoon at the Nevele Hotel, in Ellenville, N.Y. Mrs. Hoffman is the former Miss Rochelle Collis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Saul Collis, 80 Fairleigh Crescent. Mr. Hoffman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hoffman.

Dr. Ronald Levy, of New York, was here for the Passover Sedera, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack M. Levy, 61 Neptune Drive.

Mr. and Mrs. David Malkin, 9 Almington Avenue, are visiting with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Malkin, 222 Potlas Avenue, Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hallman, 24 Glen Park Avenue, spent a holiday at Grossinger's Hotel, in Ferndale, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. David Sossin, 2375 Stevens Street, Montreal, Quebec, were here for the funeral of his brother, Reverend Louis Sossin, 3560 Bathurst Street, who died on March 20, at the New Mount Sinai Hospital, at the age of eighty-two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Miller, 36 Menin Road, returned from a two-month vacation in Miami Beach, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Topiltsky, 460 Lawrence Avenue West, were at Grossinger's Hotel, in Ferndale, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Coodin, of Winnipeg, Man., came to spend Passover with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Bass, and Debra, Bradley and Alan, 265 Maxwell Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gross, 582 Indian Road, returned from Rochester, N.Y., where they were present at the brith of their grandson, Aaron Johan Allentoff; son of Dr. and Mrs. Norman Allentoff (nee Gertrude June Gross), formerly of Toronto; brother of Mandel David, aged five years; and of Albin Joel, one and one-half; grandson of Mrs. Annie Allentoff, of Rochester, N.Y., and the late Abraham Allentoff. A reception for fifty guests was held at the parents' home. The buffet table was decorated with centrepieces of pink, red, and white roses, and carnations. Miss May Gross, 582 Indian Road, aunt of Aaron Johan, was also present.

Samuel Patoff, 391 Brock Avenue, was in Montreal, Quebec, for the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Becky Freedman, 5760 Decelles Avenue, who died on Friday, December 19, in Miami, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Klaiman, 105 Spadina Road, were at the Concord Hotel in Kiamesha, N.Y.

Miss Helen Scharer, and her brother, Bernard Scharer, both of 33 Peveril Hill Road, visited their uncle, and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Max Corb, 4841 Barclay Avenue, Montreal, Quebec.

Jack Prashker, 27 Dell Park Avenue, was in Montreal, Quebec, for the funeral of his brother, Harry David Prashker, 5843 Decarie Boulevard, who died on Tuesday, March 17, at the Jewish General Hospital, in Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Weisbloom, 6 Brett Avenue, visited their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Issie Kaplovitch, 2245 Nantel Street, Montreal, Quebec.

Mrs. Samuel Goldman, 23 Terrydale Drive, returned via Trans-Canada Air Lines, from a three-month vacation in Miami Beach, Florida. Her brother, Irving Medjuck, of Halifax, N. S., was in Miami Beach; and on his return, visited his brother and sister-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. A. Medjuck, of New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Hayman, 146 Delhi Avenue, visited his brother, and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hayman, 11385 James Morrice Street, Montreal, Quebec.

Cantor and Mrs. Harry Jacobs, 373 Joicey Boulevard, celebrated the Passover Seders with their sons-in-law and daughters: Mr. and Mrs. Morris Kerbel, and Diane, Susan, and Joel, 15 Purdon Drive; and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fraser, and Gail, and Steven, 25 Roskell Crescent; their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Jacobs, and Lisa, and Daniel, 96 Cuffley Crescent North; Cantor Jacob's brother, Louis Jacobs, of Cleveland, Ohio.; Mrs. Jacob's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lederman, and Melvin, and Sidney, 31 Pannahill Road; and Mr. and Mrs. T. Berkle, and son Samuel, 18 Arlstan Drive; cousins. Cantor Jacobs conducted the Seders. Diane Karbel, and Lisa Jacobs, asked the Four Questions at the Sedera.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brown, and Bradley Jay, Alan David, and Gary Brian, 49 Hallsport Crescent, celebrated the first Passover Seder with her brothers-in-law and sisters: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Drutz, and Paul, and Donald, 1805 Wilson Avenue; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Drue, and Nancy, and Robert, 21 Meadowbrook Avenue; and her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Quitt, and Brian, and Barbara, 548 Lawrence Avenue West. Harold Brown conducted the Seder. Bradley Brown, Robert Drue, Brian Quitt, and Donald Drutz, each asked one of the Four Questions.

Harley Adrian, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Klein, 21 Charleswood Drive, was called to the Reading of the Law, in celebration of his bar-mitzvah. He is the brother of Miss Andrea Klein; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Lapidus, 71 Nassau Street. Kiddush was observed; and there was a luncheon, for one hundred and fifteen guests. Mrs. Klein received, in a white silk suit, with a large picture hat. Her flowers were a wristlet of white and aquamarine-blue-tinted carnations. Miss Andrea Klein, wore a white knitted suit, with a pink pic[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [

TORONTO MEETINGS

★ BETH EMETH BAIS YEHUDA ★

Synagogue, Rabbi Joseph H. Kelman: For the musical comedy, "Never On Shabbos", to be presented April 26 and April 27, Dr. Wilfred Meisaner, is producer; Tev Bossin, stage manager; Mrs. Milton Davis, Harvey Goldenberg, directors. Call Mrs. H. White, Me. 8-9215, for April 26 reservations; Mrs. R. Chernin, Me. 3-2385, for April 27.

★ BANI ISRAEL BETH DAVID ★

Synagogue, Rabbi Albert Pappenheim: Model Seders were conducted by these students of the Religious School; Linda Arlove, Beverley Fromer, Joel Yaphe, Allan Silverstein, Stanley Sandler, Jeffrey Plant, Marvin Budd, Randall Drutz, Jeffrey Brandwein, Ronald Klein. Arrangements were made by Mrs. Sidney Fox, chairman; and Mrs. Harold Cohen, vice-chairman.

★ ADATH ISRAEL ★

Synagogue, Erwin Schild, Rabbi: Sisterhood board meeting was at the synagogue. Mrs. Henry Rosenberg, vice-president, was chairman. Mrs. Murray Nixon asked the blessing. The minutes of the board meeting were read by Mrs. Al. Collis, recording secretary; correspondence, by Mrs. Ben. Kaplan, in the absence of Mrs. Samuel Shain. Reports were by: Mesdames Harry Solomon, donor; Joseph Grossman, nominations; Samuel Warren, in the absence of Louis Eisenstat, Mother's Day meeting of May 17; Harry Stein, adult education; Miss Gertrude Wainberg, special publications. The Sabbath Workshop, "One Enchanted Evening", will take place on Tuesday, April 14.

★ ADATH ISRAEL ★

Synagogue, Erwin Schild, Rabbi: Sisterhood donor dinner will take place on Tuesday, April 21. The donor convener is Mrs. Harry Solomon; co-conveners are Mrs. Irwin Frohman and Mrs. William Rotman. The decorations are in charge of Mrs. Sidney Gladstone, and Mrs. Alex Tobias. The programme will be "Prelude To Showtime", written and directed by Mrs. Ben Abbott. Those in the cast are: Mesdames Ben. Abbott, Ben. Applebaum, Manny Alter, B. Bergstein, Albert Basian, Samuel Berman, Al. Collis, Nathan Feiman, David S. Grossman, Carl Goldstein, Morris Garber, Murray Marcus, Harry Pollack, Murray Silver, Harry Silverman, Norman Prachter, Terry Warren, Jack Wayne, Morris Warnick, Gerald Weisbrod, and Miss Gertrude Wainberg. The stage managers are Mrs. Sammy Taft and Mrs. Minnie Taft. The pianist will be Mrs. Marshall Gold. Reservations are being taken by Mrs. Sidney Starkman and Mrs. David Chadwick.

★ UNITED JEWISH APPEAL ★

A meeting at Beth Tzedec Synagogue launched the official opening. A total of $1,702,000, was pledged, the largest opening figure in its history here. The guest speaker was Abba S. Eban, Deputy Prime Minister of Israel. He emphasized that many of the positive factors in the economy of Israel were off-set by a heavy defense burden, the need for absorbing immigrants, and the "absolute necessity" for an education movement. Platform guests were: Dr. Stuart E. Rosenberg, Rabbi of Beth Tzedec; Shmuel Bendor, Deputy Director General, Israeli Prime Minister's Office, of Jerusalem; Daniel Drutz, campaign director, United Jewish Appeal; John D. Fienberg, president, United Jewish Welfare Fund; Dr. George Liban, co-director of the Appeal; David Peters, Q.C., vice-chairman, administrative committee; Theodore D. Richmond, 1964 campaign chairman; Benjamin Schneider, co-director; Yehudi Tamary, Israeli Counsel. Before the rally a buffet dinner in honour of Abba S. Eban, was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tanenbaum, 10 Benvenuto Place. Present were: Dr. and Mrs. Rosenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Carl C. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Collins, Mrs. John Devor, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Fienberg, Mr. and Mrs. Meyer W. Gasner, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Godfrey, David B. Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Green, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gurofsky, Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Halbert, Mr and Mrs. Robert P. Kaplan, Mr. and Mrs. Morris P. Kaufman, Mark A. Levy, Dr. and Mrs. George Liban, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lockshin, David Peters, Q.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Theodore D. Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Sable, Saul Sigler, Consul of Israel in Toronto, and Mrs. Y. Tamary, H. Wayne Tanenbaum, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Van Der Hout, Leon Weinstein, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Weinstock, Harvey Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. Max Wolfe, Mrs. Ray D. Wolfe, Samuel Zacks, Mr. and Mrs. Noel Zeldin.

★ PIONEER WOMEN ★

Dimona Omna Club art, sculpture, metal craft, and pottery show, is on Sunday, April 12, from 3 to 7 p.m., at 12 Viewmount Avenue. The chairman is Mrs. R. Rife; conveners, Mrs. P. Caray, and Mrs. S. Elvey.

Jewish Blind In North America Now Have Haggadah In Braille

This Passover, for the first time, the complete Haggadah in Hebrew and English braille was made available to the Jewish blind throughout the United States, Canada, and overseas, including Israel. Mrs. Harry J. Finke is president of the Jewish Braille Institute of America. The 200-page Braille edition will be sent, free of charge, to any blind person who requests a copy from the Jewish Braille Institute, 48 East 74th Street, N. Y., N. Y. 10021.

"The full-length Haggadah Service for Passover, embossed in Braille, has been long awaited by the Jewish blind everywhere," said Mrs. Finke. "The publishing of this volume means that hereafter, through the touch of their fingertips, they will be able to enjoy and actively participate in the Passover Seder with the sighted members of their families and their congregations."

The Hebrew and English text was edited and arranged by Dr. Cecil Roth of England, the eminent Jewish historian, scholar, and writer. Mrs. Sylvan Rosoff, of Newton Center, Mass., did the transcription of the master copy from which the metal plates were embossed. The project was made possible through a grant of $2,500 from a donor who wishes to remain anonymous.

The Jewish Braille Institute, of which Dr. Jacob Freid is executive director, provides for the cultural and religious needs of the Jewish blind and serves thousands of sightless persons throughout the world without charge. The Institute maintains a free circulating library of more than 15,000 braille volumes and an extensive collection of full-length recorded "talking books." It publishes the Jewish Braille Review, a monthly literary magazine, and also issues Hebrew-English Braille prayer books and the Bible in Hebrew Braille. English and Hebrew Braille texts are given to Jewish blind children attending religious schools.

The program of the Jewish Braille Institute is endorsed by the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, the National Women's League of the United Synagogue of America, the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations, and the National Council of Jewish Women.

BAR-MITZVAHS

Robin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack P. Goldstein, 48 Brookview Drive, will be called to the Reading of the Law, in celebration of his bar-mitzvah, at the Beth Sholom Synagogue, on April 25. He is the brother of Lionel Goldstein, of Ann Arbor, Mich.; and of Theodore, aged sixten years; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Goldstein, of Los Angeles, Calif.; and of Mrs. Rose Sherkin, 1411 Eglinton Avenue West, and the late Gimpel Sherkin. Kiddush will be observed. A dinner-reception will be held the same evening, at the banquet hall of the Synagogue.

Stuart Barry, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Goodman, 11 Marwood Road, will be called to the Reading of the Law, in celebration of his bar-mitzvah, at the Beth Sholom Synagogue, on May 9. He is the brother of Brian, aged sixteen years; Jeffrey, fifteen; and Andrew, ten; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Goodman, 32 Newgate Road; and of Mr. and Mrs. H. Applebaum, 22 Shallmar Boulevard. Kiddush will be observed. A dinner-reception will be held the following evening, at the banquet hall of the Synagogue.

BIRTHS

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Koschitzki (nee Julie Podolski), 3311 Bathurst Street, on March 6, at the New Mount Sinai Hospital, a daughter, Sarona Alisa; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Podolski, 77 Stormont Avenue; and of Mr. and Mrs. Israel Koschitzki, 35 Christine Crescent.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Goldberg (nee Helen Wesfield), 244 Brighton Avenue, on March 21, at the New Mount Sinai Hospital, a daughter, Janice Lynne; sister of Dale Lisa, aged two years; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wesfield, 12 Reimar Road; Mrs. Goldie Goldberg, 576 Davenport Road, and the late David Goldberg; great-granddaughter of Moses Heiber, 576 Davenport Road; and Mrs. Gladys Wesfield, of London, Eng.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Laurie Weingarten (nee Sheila Schrott), 405 Patricia Avenue, on March 19, at Toronto General Hospital, a son, Stephen; brother of Leslie, aged four years; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schrott, 55 Prince Charles Drive; and of Mrs. Ida Weingarten, 560 Glencairn Avenue, and the late Harry Weingarten; great-grandson of Mr. and Mrs. David Schrott, 218 Castlefield Avenue.

Rabbi Wins Settlement From Abusive Toronto Police Officers

Four police officers were found guilty of charges under the Police Act by the Metropolitan Toronto Police Commission, arising out of the arrest of Rabbi Norbert Leiner twenty-six months ago, says the Toronto Globe and Mail. After the hearing behind closed doors, Commission chairman Magistrate C. O. Bick would only say that disciplinary action is being taken against the four officers.

But the men involved — Sergeant of Detectives Alvin Sproule, and Constables Raymond Fast, Edward Mullan, and Ernest Sharp — did not appear to be shocked by the sentence after they left the hearing.

Magistrate Bick said charges of unlawful arrest, using abusive language, and using unnecessary violence were levelled but would not say which charges were laid against which officer. The Commission deliberated for only half an hour after spending about two and one-half hours listening to the officers testify on their own behalf.

Asked specifically if the disciplinary action would involve demotions for any of the policemen, Magistrate Bick again declined to comment saying that the Commission had authorized only the statement that be made.

Rabbi Leiner alleged in a civil action last year that the officers assaulted him in January, 1962, while police were conducting a search for a suspected sex offender. A Royal commission previously found that he was falsely arrested.

The rabbi won a $4,000 settlement from the officers and was a key figure in testimony heard by the Commission. Only the officers who were involved testified. They were represented by Sergeant of Detectives Roy Soplet.

UKRAINIAN DELEGATE TO U.N. ADMITS EXISTENCE OF ANTI-SEMITIC BOOK

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prevail this year as in the past two years, the ban on the public baking and distribution of matzo and even on the baking and distribution of matzo in many or most of the synagogues that have baking facilities on their premises.

USSR thus tries to implant the false notion that the observance of Passover is normal in the Soviet Union, and that the State, being separate from the church, does not interfere in religious observance of such holidays. But here is what the Kichko book says about Passover, revealing the true anti-Jewish feeling of the Soviet authorities:

(From page 135): "Under modern conditions the Passover holiday harms us in a great number of ways, through engendering disrespect for work and fostering elements of nationalism among the Jewish workers. In celebrating the Passover, the believers do not go to work for several days; thus they hinder production plans and violate work discipline.

"The celebration of the Passover is especially harmful because the entire Passover legend, all the prayers, orient the believing Jews toward returning to Israel, which is now the center of Judaism and Zionism. The Passover prayers urge the believing Jews: 'May God grant that we meet in Jerusalem next year.' Invitations summon the Jews to move to Israel, where they, free workers of our country, will become slaves, will become cannon fodder for Ben Gurion's clique and for his imperialistic masters."

The magazine USSR (on page 58) quotes Rabbi Olevsky as follows: "We Jews in the Soviet Union are equal citizens of our motherland. Like the people of other nationalities, we enjoy all the bounties of our society."

In putting these words in the mouth of the unfortunate rabbi, did the editors of USSR perhaps have in mind such bounties as being subjected to the noxious doctrines expounded in the Kichko book? For strewn throughout "Judaism Without Embellishment" are such hoary and vicious anti-Semitic canards as the following:

Judaism allows Jews to steal from non-Jews and to exploit them (page 34). Judaism glorifies usury and instils the spirit of extortion (page 37). Judaism has only contempt for work and workers (page 40). Judaism "is impregnated with narrow practicality, with greed, with love of money, and the spirit of egoism." (pages 86-87). Judaism teaches Jews to bear false witness (pages 91-92). Judaism encourages Jews to be hypocritical and to use bribery (page 93).

Finally and most ominously, in a revival of the basic theme of the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion," Judaism is shown to be part of an international Jewish conspiracy, involving Zionism, Israel, the Rothschilds, and other international Jewish bankers, the Rockefellers, and Western Imperialism generally. Thus is the unfortunate religious Jew in the Soviet Union made out to be a link in a subversive conspiracy. Against no other religion in the USSR is such an ominous political charge made.

What is this if not the crudest and most dangerous form of incitation to hatred of the Jews? And this, in the Ukraine, an area where anti-Semitism is perhaps most deeply rooted and widespread, where the same anti-Semitic stereotypes are also to be encountered in profusion in the daily popular press, and where Jews are shown to be an estimated ninety percent in the Ukraine and 50 to 60 percent in the USSR of those sentenced to death for alleged economic crimes.

The falsehoods purveyed by USSR need to be dissected. But the anti-Semitism of "Judaism Without Embellishment" demands an outcry of pain and protest.

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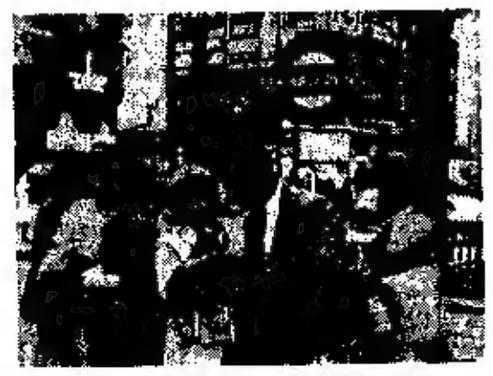
(An extraordinary meeting on April 5-6 in Washington, D.C., will be held by an unprecedented number of national Jewish organizations at the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry. Senators Javits and Ribicoff and U.S. Supreme Court Justice Arthur J. Goldberg will speak and take an important part in the deliberations of the 24 organizations.)



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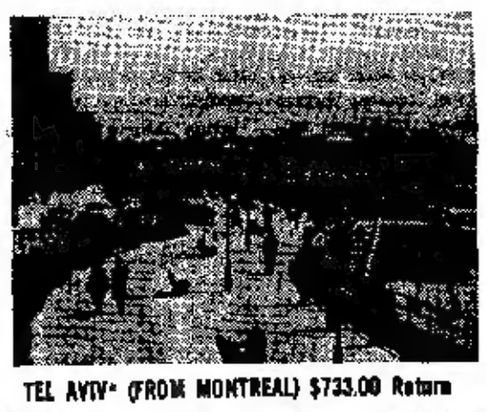

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Passover Is Not The Jewish Easter: Easter Is The Jewish Passover

By Dr. W. Gunther Plaut, Rabbi of Holy Blossom Temple, Writing in The Toronto Globe and Mail

The concurrence of Easter and Passover gives many people occasion to perpetuate an old belief, namely, that "Passover is the Jewish Easter." Historically speaking, nothing could be further from the truth. As a matter of fact, it is precisely the other way around: Easter is the Jewish Passover.

The two festivals have a common history, but in the course of centuries they have diverged so significantly in celebration and context that the common ground on which both of them stand has been obscured.

The first Christians were of course Jews; and as Jews they celebrated the festivals of their people. The last days of Jesus were closely intertwined with the observance of the Passover festival and especially with the Seder supper on the eve of the holiday. When Jesus parcelled out bread to his disciples at the Last Supper, he gave them doubtlessly a piece of unleavened bread or matza—hence to this day, the special matza-like quality of the communion wafer or bread. (During the war overseas, when at Passover time the supply of communion wafers failed, my Christian chaplain friends were delighted to be able to use our matza.)

It was the belief in and celebration of Jesus' resurrection which gave a special quality to the religious calendar of the early Christian Jews. Their observance was therefore an expanded Passover celebration and the time of their observance during the first centuries of the Christian Church was invariably the Jewish Passover.

For close to 300 years the new Christian community celebrated its resurrection festival on the traditional day of the Jewish Passover, which begins on the night of the fourteenth day of Nisan, the Spring month in the Jewish calendar. But the predominating movement within the Church desired to minimize all relationships between Christians and Jews and insisted that the fixing of the Easter celebrations be divorced from the observance of Passover.

There was opposition to this trend, however, by those who were anxious to maintain a clearer remembrance of the ties between the mother and the daughter religion. The present day arrangement of the calendar is the result of a compromise. It is fixed according to a rule which respects both the solar (Roman) year and the lunar (Jewish) calendar.

It falls, as is well known, on the first Sunday after the full moon which follows the Spring equinox. This rule causes Easter to fall most frequently near the ancient Passover date and only occasionally is separated from it.

The word Passover is derived from the Hebrew pasach, which means "to pass over." In the Exodus story the angel of death is described as having "passed over" the houses of the Israelites during the night of liberation. Hence, Passover (or as it is known in Hebrew, Pesach) is the remembrance of the birth of the Jewish people, its passage from slavery to freedom, and its emergence as a nation upon the stage of history.

In most languages other than English, Easter is still called by its ancient Hebrew name. The French call it paques, and other European tongues call it pascha, pasch, pasqua, pascua and pask. In these languages the ancient connection between the two festivals is linguistically still in evidence.

Otherwise little seems to remain of this ancient festival congruence except the name, some terminology (like paschal lamb) and the remnants of similar calendation. Our two traditions have taken different paths and the core of the observance no longer is the same. But parallels continue to exist.

While Easter focuses upon the messianic theme and on resurrection, Passover on a national event and on the theme of liberty, both stress the redemptive quality of God in human life, His influence on the affairs of man, and the wondrous way in which the bonds of the material are sundered by the power of His spirit. Both Easter and Passover are festivals of redemption.

To the Jew, Passover is not the most solemn of feasts; his high holydays occur in the Fall. It is however the most appealing of all the celebrations. The Seder supper unites each family, as does naught else. Children come from far away to join their parents; homes are filled with eager preparation and with the joyful songs of the season. The warmth and pleasure of the Seder marks it as the most significant home observance of the year.

And it is at this time, in the midst of pleasure and gratitude, that the Jew remembers those still in bondage, that he identifies himself with human suffering and pledges himself to take part in its alleviation. A Seder does not contain such ultimate identification, if it does not envisage a universal brotherhood. Passover means the dedication of one's life to the service of a God who will break the chains of the oppressed and set the prisoners free.

Both Easter and Passover also join in their climactic affirmation of the supremacy of the spirit. Every Jewish festival ends with a contemplation of man's immortal soul, with a service of remembrance (Yizkor) which unites us with our loved ones in the eternal march of the spirit.

During the last 20 years this part of the Passover observance has received an added emphasis, for it was on the second night of Seder that the Nazis, attempting to reverse the story of Pharaoh, chose to raze the remnants of the Warsaw Ghetto. The memory of this event, the turning of pages barely dried with the tears of yesterday, recalls for every Jew the tragic fate of his brethren and urges him to give his last that such days may never again recur.

As the head of the household distributes a piece of matza to all who sit about the table and says, "Let all who are hungry come and eat," he includes in his prayers not only the children of his people, but all the sons of men, who with him are partners in the long exodus from darkness into light. And here, surely, Christian and Jew, each celebrating his Passover, may find common ground for the redemptive work which history demands of all of us.

Ukrainian Delegate To U.N. Admits Existence Of Anti-Semitic Book With Vicious Caricatures Of "Der Stuermer" Sort

The following article is from U.S. Senator Jacob K. Javits, Republican, of New York:

The March, 1964, issue of the illustrated monthly magazine USSR, published by the Soviet government and distributed in the tens of thousands throughout the United States, contains some substantial and interesting material on the situation of the Jews in the Soviet Union. (This periodical is of the same size and format as Life Magazine.)

The most striking thing is the full-page photograph (page 59) of Rabbi Natan Olevsky, who just celebrated his ninetieth birthday and whose small congregation in the out-of-the-way Marina Roshcha section of Moscow just observed its thirty-fifth anniversary. Facing the photograph is another page (page 58) of pictures and text describing the celebration, and giving some background on the rabbi. The following two pages, 60 and 61, are entirely textual, a lengthy statement by the editorial board purporting to answer questions from readers on the status of Soviet Jewry. There is, finally, on page 49, a page reserved for "Queries From Readers", a specific question from an American reader, and the answer to it.

The venerable and venerated Rabbi Olevsky might have been the living prototype of Chagall's memorable painting, "The Rabbi of Vitebsk." USSR's moving photographic portrait of Rabbi Olevsky reveals his full grandeur as a traditional Jewish Patriarch, with his flowing white beard, his noble aquiline nose, his spiritual visionary eyes, his strong over-arching brows, and his broad scholar's forehead. 'Not the least striking feature of this photograph is that the rabbi is shown "in full regalia," as it were, with his full "tallis" (prayer shawl) draped over his shoulders, his "t'fillin" (phylacteries) prominently displayed on left hand and forearm and on his forehead, and his rabbinical "yarmulke" (skull cap) solidly planted on his head.

Clearly this photograph, quite aside from the material on the other pages of this spread, is intended to convey a definite impression to the reader of USSR: Here, it says, is a free man in a free country, a rabbi free to be, to live, and to carry on his religious work as he chooses, a religious Jew proud of his heritage and unrestricted in his perpetuation of it.

This, then, is the "official portrait" of the Soviet image of Judaism, for foreign consumption. But what is the image of Judaism as it is projected at home, for internal consumption? A recently published Soviet scientific volume, "Judaism Without Embellishment", demonstrates, sadly enough, that the image of Judaism conveyed to Soviet readers is an overtly and unashamedly anti-Semitic one.

The book, written by T. K. Kichko, a Ukrainian "specialist" on Judaism and the Jews, was published in late 1963 by the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences. It is 192 pages long, comparatively long for a piece of "scholarship" of this kind. This book was first made public by Morris Abram, the new president of the American Jewish Committee, in February.

At hearings of the U.N. Human Rights Commission, the Ukrainian delegate admitted the existence of the anti-Semitic book. It was published in the Ukrainian language and in an edition of 12,000, for easy accessibility to the party cadres for whom it is explicitly intended as a useful tool in their educational work. Its sponsorship unmistakably lifts it from the everyday level of ordinary propaganda and gives it the status and prestige of a "scientific" and "scholarly" production of the Academy of Sciences in Kiev.

The most vicious and overt aspect of this volume indoctrinating anti-Jewish sentiments is the series of caricatures that appear in it, beginning with the lurid cover-page in red, black, and yellow colors. These caricatures are among the most vile ever to have appeared in the USSR. They are literally of the sort that appeared in Julius Streicher's Nazi sheet, "Der Stuermer."

Like the magazine USSR, the cover of this book also shows a rabbi wearing a "tallis", standing in a synagogue pulpit with the design of the Jewish Star of David on it, his face a Nazi-style anti-Semitic caricature, and in his hand . . . a pile of gold coins. . . . And this is, as the book title under the caricature says on the cover, "Judaism Without Embellishment."

A very similar anti-Jewish caricature appears on page 94 of this book. It also shows a rabbi, or at least a religious Jew, with the phylactery on his forehead . . . and his hand grabbing the bills and coins in the synagogue collection plate. And the caption underneath it reads: "All sorts of swindlers and cheats find refuge in the synagogue."

Other such caricatures strewn about the book make the same anti-Jewish point, with or without their captions. Among such cartoons can be cited those on pages 96, 105, 113, 116, 123, 137, 153, 158, 161, 170, 174. Perhaps the most ghastly and hair-raising of them all is that on page 161, showing a "Stuermer"-style Jew preparing to kiss a Nazi boot. . . .

Thus for foreign consumption, Soviet propaganda shows the rabbi, the religious Jew, as dignified, free, and proud. The pictures make the point, and the text elaborates on it. Religious Jews are free and synagogues are free.

But for internal consumption, the religious Jew is portrayed in traditional anti-Semitic stereotypes, as a money-grubber and cheat. Thus, the caption under the cartoon on page 96 reads: "The swindlers in religious articles brawl among themselves over the division of the spoils in the synagogue."

In the magazine USSR a sustained effort is made (page 61) to demonstrate that Jewish religious life is "proceeding normally and in full conformity with the canons of the Judaic faith. The same may be said of divine services in all the synagogues, wherever they are."

But on page 96 of the Kichko book, a rather different impression is given of "normal" synagogue life: "Speculation in matzo, pigs, thievery, deception, debauchery, these are the real characteristics of many synagogue leaders. Shrewd operators convert the synagogue from religion to their own personal feeding grounds; they make free with the contributions of the believers, and become wealthy from them."

On page 49 of USSR, devoted to queries from readers, the following exchange appears:

"QUESTION: 'Can a Jewish male child be circumcised in the Soviet Union?' asks Morris Goodman, of Beverly Hills, California.

"ANSWER: Yes. All those who wish to observe the religious practice of circumcision are free to do so."

This is what the outside world is told. But at home, as on page 144 of the Kichko book, the masses are indoctrinated in an entirely different spirit:

"The cruel rite of circumcision has been filled with a reactionary meaning by the Jewish religion. It proclaimed circumcision as a unique mark of Jewish nationalism itself; in other words, it endowed it with a clearly expressed religious-nationalistic character. It is not difficult to substantiate the latter by texts from the Bible. Acquiring a mark of belonging to 'their own people,' the Jews, a mark which would simultaneously inoculate them with contempt and even hatred toward those who do not possess this rite, this is the basic meaning of the rite."

Small wonder that many Soviet Jews, fearful of such public calumny and even of censure and punishment, have reluctantly abandoned this most fundamental and ancient of sacred Jewish rites.

Back to page 61 of the magazine USSR. There the editors seek to convey the impression that Soviet Jews have plenty of matzo for Passover. This is of course not the case. The same severe restrictions

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